

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION**

Owen Hobbs,
Petitioner

vs

Case No. 1:01cv720
(Spiegel, J.; Perelman, M.J.)

Harry K. Russell,
Respondent

ORDER

Petitioner, an inmate in state custody at the Lebanon Correctional Institution in Lebanon, Ohio, has filed through counsel a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 challenging his 2000 murder conviction. (*See* Doc. 1). In the petition, he raised a claim under *Batson v. Kentucky*, 476 U.S. 79 (1986). (*See Id.*). On January 8, 2004, this Court ordered respondent to file a transcript of the jury voir dire within twenty (20) days to assist this Court in determining the merits of petitioner's claim. (Doc. 5). As of this date, respondent has not filed the transcript.

Therefore, respondent is hereby ORDERED TO SHOW CAUSE within fifteen (15) days of the date of this Order, why he has failed to respond to the Court's Order in a timely manner.

Date: February 23, 2004

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David S. Perelman
United States Magistrate Judge